

North Carolina
1980 Census of Population and Housing
County Summary Data
STF1

INTRODUCTION

This report presents summary 1980 Census counts for North Carolina and its 100 counties. The data represent tabulations of the 100 percent items from the Census questionnaire, i.e., those items which were asked on every questionnaire. The tables were obtained from the first Summary Tape File (STF1) for North Carolina.

There are three pages of tables for each county: (a) Characteristics of Persons, (b) Characteristics of Households and Families, and (c) Characteristics of Housing Units. Tables are numbered 1 through 55. A few tables are repeated on another of the three pages for ease in utilizing the data.

DATA FINDER GUIDE

The guide presented on the following page is designed to enable quick reference to the particular county page and table number for various topics of interest. However, this is not an exhaustive dictionary. In finding a particular table for a given county, use the Table of Contents to locate the county pages and refer to the Data Finder Guide for the table number and its page of location.

LIMITATIONS OF DATA

Caution should be exercised when using the data in these tables for several reasons. The racial categories of the 1980 Census are not strictly comparable to those of other censuses. In particular, data by race for Whites and for Asian and Pacific Islanders differ in concept between 1970 and 1980. Asian Indians were included in the Asian and Pacific Islander category in 1980 but were classified as White in 1970. The categories of Asian and Pacific Islander groups were expanded in the 1980 questionnaire. Also, the 1980 figures for some racial groups are not strictly consistent with 1970 totals because of significant changes in the

way persons of Spanish Origin reported their race. These changes serve to decrease the category White and increase the category Nonwhite - Nonblack for North Carolina's 1980 census as compared with the 1970 definitions. Counts of the population by race in complete count tabulations are provisional. Final counts for race will be determined after the sample data have been processed. In addition, special caution should be observed in comparison of data for the American Indian population between 1970 and 1980, as there was a major correction of the 1970 counts which occurred after publication of the data.

Although these figures are considered final and will not be changed in subsequent publications on the 1980 Census released by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, total counts for both population and housing are still subject to correction. Once corrections occur, an errata notice will be issued by the Census Bureau, but corrections will not show up in the detailed tables of Census Bureau publications.

Users should be aware of the possibility of suppressed data in these tables, although suppression is more frequent at levels of geography smaller than a county. Data are suppressed in order to prevent the deduction of information about a particular individual or household. In general, data for persons (other than race or Spanish Origin counts) are suppressed if there is a count of 14 or fewer individuals in the area. Suppression occurs for housing unit characteristics (other than classifications by occupancy status) when there are fewer than 5 year-round housing units in the area. In some cases, complementary suppression is applied to prevent the derivation of suppressed data by subtraction. Only if there is a blank in a county table does the possibility of suppression exist. Often, it is possible, through addition or subtraction in one or more

tables, to determine whether a blank represents a zero value or suppressed data.

OTHER DATA AVAILABILITY

Similar sets of pages of tables from Summary Tape File 1 for other levels of geography are available through the North Carolina State Data Center and its regional affiliate centers.

The North Carolina State Data Center is a Federal - State cooperative endeavor designed to increase and improve access to Census statistical products. In its service to public, private, and academic data users, the Data Center has among its objectives the expansion of access to and use of Census statistics, the provision of technical assistance and analytical support in the use of these statistics, and the provision of user training on census-related topics. The Office of State Budget and Management has overall responsibility for the State Data Center program and serves as primary contact with the Bureau of the Census. The Institute for Research in Social Science at UNC Chapel Hill and the State Library form a part of the umbrella structure of the Data Center and serve in differing capacities to meet the need for statistical information. A network of local libraries and planning region offices is organized to extend data availability throughout the State. A list of the names, agencies and telephone numbers of the Data Center participants can be obtained by contacting the Office of State Budget and Management, 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611, 919-733-7061. Each affiliate office has copies of the data tables presented in this publication for various levels of geography in the service area assigned.